

# Circular from Ulgham Parish Council and the UVA

January 2021

**Reminder: as we are in lockdown Tier 4 please ring any of the telephone numbers in this circular if help of any kind is required. Local deliveries of food are still available from some suppliers.**

- **Neighbourhood Watch** – If you notice anything or anyone acting suspiciously please report it to the police by telephoning 101 or Veronica Duffield, our Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator on 790829. **A quick reminder** that in your **house insurance documentation** a question is often asked whether or not you have a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme covering your home.

**The following has also been received from Veronica –**

As of 7 January 2021, Action Fraud had received 57 reports from members of the public who have been sent text messages claiming to be from the NHS, offering them the opportunity to sign up for coronavirus vaccinations. The texts ask the recipient to click on a link which takes them to an online form where they are prompted to input personal and financial details. In some cases, the online form has looked very similar to the real NHS website.

**Pauline Smith, Head of Action Fraud, said:**

*“Remember, the vaccine is only available on the NHS and is free of charge. The NHS will never ask you for details about your bank account or to pay for the vaccine. If you believe that you have been a victim of this fraud contact us as soon as possible by calling [0300 123 2040](tel:03001232040) or visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).*

- **St. Johns Church** - It is with regret that the decision has been made to suspend church services and private prayer at St John's until further notice. Church @ Home continues each Sunday and anyone who would like to watch this and who does not receive information about the link to the service should contact Joanna Dobson.' BUT CHURCH IS STILL HERE FOR YOU! The online service has a wonderful selection of songs, reflections and prayers and is available every Sunday 10.15am and of course anytime thereafter. Do join us online, on YouTube search for Parishes of Widdrington and Ulgham or go on the links on our joint FB page Widdrington & Ulgham Parish Churches.
- **Village Website** – the new address for the village website is [ulgham.org](http://ulgham.org). Northumberland is part of a government pilot scheme to increase the speed of broadband to gigabit.

## **From the Parish Council**

- **A reminder to anyone who wishes to report potholes or fly tipping etc. please use the link to the County Council's website [www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk)** All of the relevant information is on their home page, or Tel. 0345 600 6400 **or please get in touch with a member of the Parish Council.**
- There is a wealth of information on the County Council's website re help and queries during the Coronavirus pandemic – this is updated daily and there is a link on the village website – <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/coronavirus.aspx>
- **Speeding Information –**  
Data from the camera has now been down loaded and processed. Figures for December indicate that 95.67 % of traffic was below 30 mph. Traffic showing above the limit was confined to a few regular offenders. Any further data required can be accessed on the village web site.
- Once again, the Parish Council would like to thank everyone who has rallied round and helped those in need of assistance during this

crisis. It is pleasing that everyone is pulling together at such a difficult time.

- **Reminder of Contact Details: Parish Councillors - Jim Scott 790636, Helen Shaw 790170, George Brown 790465, Lesley Newman 07717841474**
- **Chair of the UVA Helen Dunn 791849, Paul and Pauline Martin 790721.**

These contacts cover all of the village and Ulgham Grange and are available for anyone who needs help in any way. Also sometimes just a phone call to check that all is well with friends and neighbours can make a big difference to days of lockdown tedium.

## *Santa pays a visit to Ulgham*

Many thanks to Paul and Pauline Martin for organising the visit from Santa and ensuring that everything was Covid secure. 29 children came along and each received a small gift from the village association.





*A Happy New Year to all*